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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed October 8, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 8, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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